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**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1-14 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being obvious in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. This ground for rejection is respectfully traversed.

With regard to claim 1, neither Cannon et al., Browne et al., Vallone et al., nor their combination disclose or suggest, "prompting the user for instructions if the video recorder does not have sufficient storage to store the video information, and wherein the instructions prompt the user to select between overwriting recorded video information or **editing the previously stored recording parameter data.**" (Emphasis added).

Cannon et al. and Browne et al. were described in the previous response.

At page 4 of the Office Action, Examiner recites, "Vallone et al. additionally discloses a multimedia time scheduling system wherein programs are prioritized in determining what programs are to be deleted in accordance with previously recorded shows and currently recording shows as seen in Figure 17 elements 1702-1704." However, even if this is taken to be true, Vallone et al. does not allow the user to edit the previously stored recording parameter data, as recited in claim 1. Vallone et al. uses a system which allows the user to delete a **previously recorded** program from memory or save the previously recorded program for a longer amount of time. (Col. 16, lines 10-24). In Vallone et al., the programs which are displayed have already been recorded. The passage describing Fig. 17 states that only programs that have been "obtained" are listed. (Column 15, lines 47-55). Vallone et al. does not disclose or suggest allowing a user to edit previously stored recording parameter data.

In the present invention as defined by claim 1, the memory may include programs which have been previously recorded but not yet viewed by the user. Further, a program which is scheduled to be recorded by the previously stored recording parameter data may fill up the available memory when it is recorded. If the user wishes to replace the program scheduled to be recorded with another program, the user may edit the previously stored recording parameter data at any time. This gives the present invention an advantage of flexibility because the user does not have to wait until a program has been "obtained" (has been recorded or begins to record) before the program can be removed or replaced by another program.

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In contrast, the user in Vallone may not edit previously stored recording parameter data to remove a program which is scheduled to be recorded or replace a program scheduled to be recorded with another program the user wishes to record. Thus, the user in Vallone must wait until after the program has been "obtained" before removing the program.

Because neither Cannon et al., Browne et al. nor Vallone et al. disclose the limitations of claim 1, claim 1 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. Claims 3-6 depend from claim 1. Accordingly, these claims are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

With regard to claim 2, claim 2, while not identical to claim 1, includes features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Thus, claim 2 is also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. for the same reasons as those set forth above with regard to claim 1.

With regard to claim 7, claim 7, while not identical to claim 1, includes features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Thus, claim 7 is also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. for the same reasons as those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Claims 8-10 depend from claim 7. Accordingly, these claims are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. for at least the same reasons as claim 7.

With regard to claim 11, claim 11, while not identical to claim 1, includes features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Thus, claim 11 is also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. for the same reasons as those set forth above with regard to claim 1.

With regard to claim 12, claim 12, while not identical to claim 1, includes features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Thus, claim 12 is also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. for the same reasons as those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Claims 13-14 depend from claim 12. Accordingly, these claims are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. for at least the same reasons as claim 12.

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The prior art made of record but not applied has been considered but does not affect the patentability of the invention.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-14.

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